This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of proportionally reducing the size and area of an operating system's active content area of a [["]]desktop[["]] display with all functions operational, while maintaining a complete, intact view of the desktop (display intact) including the functional controls that provide access to resident applications and documents, comprising:

then deploying a two dimensional persistent portal secondary graphical user interface (GUI) known as a "Persistent Portal" (PP) having two dimensions, each dimension having a number of pixels, into the resulting a blanked area resulting from the proportionate reduction in the active content area, comprising:

a.   adjusting parameters for the desktop display area residing inside of, but not including an overscan border, by a number of pixels that equals the required area to be occupied by the PP persistent portal interface when deployed;

b.   addressing the operating system settings for [[of]] a video mode or monitor resolution for said required pixels within said computer system; active content area to facilitate activation of features and functions of the operating system; and

wherein the persistent portal interface interacts with the operating system to facilitate activation of features and functions of the operating system.

2 - 42. (Canceled)

43.   (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored in a tangible, computer-readable medium for interacting with an operating system's active content area of a

desktop [[a]] display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border, the program comprising:

executable instructions for dividing the active content area display area into a persistent portal interface area and a proportionally reduced display area without altering or interacting with or altering the overscan border area, wherein the persistent portal area comprises a blanked area resulting from the proportionate reduction in the display area, the blanked area being provided by executable instructions for addressing the operating system settings for a video mode or monitor resolution for a required number of pixels for the blanked area;

executable instructions for displaying the persistent portal interface in the persistent portal interface area, and enabling the persistent portal interface to interact with the operating system to facilitate activation of features and functions of the operating system; and

executable instructions providing for proportional reduction of the display area into the proportionally reduced display area.

44.   (Previously presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the executable instructions for dividing the display area address an operating system's settings of a video mode.

45.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border comprises an area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface and an area left by the operating system unoccupied by the operating system's graphical user interface.

46. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 44 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying a Windows Start Bar.

47. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border comprises an area left by the operating system unoccupied by the operating system's graphical user interface but does not include an area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface.

48. (Currently Amended) The program of claim 47 wherein the area occupied by the operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying [[the]] a Windows Start Bar.

49. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the executable instructions for displaying the persistent portal interface displays the persistent portal interface area visible and operational.

50. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the proportionally reduced display area is reduced both vertically and horizontally.

51. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 further comprising executable instructions for providing a movable pointer that functions within the display area for the purpose of user input causing interaction and command response from the program.

52. (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 further comprising executable instructions for writing an image of the persistent portal interface area to video display memory.

53.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least two adjoined sides of the display area.

54.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least three adjoined sides of the display area.

55.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area is disposed along at least four adjoined sides of the display area.

56.   (Currently Amended) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area includes at least two zones.

57.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the persistent portal interface area has one or more zones, each zone having one or more modules of features and/or functions.

58.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the user interface has at least two of the following modules: Sub-Channel Modules, Sponsor or 3rd Party Icon/Access Modules, Custom Application Modules (Client Customization), Network Preferences and Updates Module, Publisher Preferences Module, Personal Tools Applications Module(s), Application Service Provider (ASP) Products Download Module, and Entertainment Module (games, music, video and pay-per view events).

59.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein the user interface has at least three of the following modules: Sub-Channel Modules, Sponsor or 3rd Party Icon/Access

Modules, Custom Application Modules (Client Customization), Network Preferences and

Updates Module, Publisher Preferences Module, Personal Tools Applications Module(s),

Application Service Provider (ASP) Products Download Module, and Entertainment

Module (games, music, video and pay-per view events).

60.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 43 wherein one or more modules receives

and interacts with content received over a data network.

61.   (Previously Presented) The program of claim 47 wherein the area occupied by the

operating system's graphical user interface is disposed between the persistent portal

interface area and the overscan border.

62.   (Currently Amended) The program of claim 61 wherein the area occupied by the

operating system's graphical user interface is the area displaying [[the]] a Windows Start

Bar.

63.   (Currently Amended) A computing device for interacting with an operating system's

active content area of a display area inside of, but not including, an overscan border, the

device comprising:

      means for dividing the display area active content area into a persistent portal

           interface area and a proportionally reduced display area without

           interacting with or altering the operating system's overscan border area,

           wherein the persistent portal area comprises a blanked area resulting

           from the proportionate reduction in the display area, the blanked area

           being provided by executable instructions for addressing the operating

system settings for a video mode or monitor resolution for a required number of pixels for the blanked area;

means for displaying the persistent portal interface in the persistent portal interface area, wherein the persistent portal interface interacts with the operating system to facilitate activation of features and functions of the operating system; and

means for proportional reduction of display area into the proportionally reduced display area.